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from an alloy of this type, and uses thereof

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed from the U. S. Patent Office on September 2, 2008, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on December 2, 2008. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time until March 2, 2009 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the three-month extension fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response, in which:

- **Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 6.